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IN DISCUSSION OF LEBANESE SITUATION JULY 28 WITH
JACQUES LECOMPT, MFA CHIEF OF NORTH AFRICA/ME BUREAU,
LECOMPT NOTED THAT IT WAS A POSITIVE STEP THAT THE GOL
WAS FINALLY SENDING TROOPS SOUTH. HE ADDED, HOWEVER,
THAT THERE HAD TO BE ENOUGH TIME FOR PRESSURE TO BE PUT
ON CHRISTIAN MILITIAS IN TROOPS' LINE OF MARCH; OTHER-
WISE THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF FIGHTING. THE FRENCH
HAVE THEREFORE URGED THE GOL TO STRETCH OUT ITS TIME-
TABLE FOR TROOP MOVEMENTS SO AS TO ALLOW THE VARIOUS
DEMARCHES UNDER WAY (E.G., TO ISRAEL) TO MAKE
THEIR EFFECT FELT ON THE MILITIA LEADERS.
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